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SUBJECT: REPORTED OIL DISCOVERY IN BAJA CALIFORNIA

REF: MEXICO 9151

1. AS REPORTED PEMEX HAS REPORTEDLY FOUND A "GOOD" DEPOSIT OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS IN BAJA CALIFORNIA, LOCATED IN VIZCAINO DESERT, SOUCH OF GUERRERO NEGRO AND SCAMMONS LAGOON. DRILLING AT PRESENT IS ON SHORE, BUT SOURCES INDICATE BEST PROSPECTS PROBABLY LIE OFF SHORE.

2. SAN DIEGO NEWSPAPER UNION PICKED UP LEAD AND REPORTED STORY OCTOBER 25, BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH PEMEX OFFICIALS.

3. BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE SCAMMONS LAGOON AS WILD LIFE SANCTUARY, OFF-SHORE DRILLING WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY CAUSE SOME ENVIRONMENTAL DISRUPTION. (NOTE: SCAMMONS LAGOON IS WELL KNOWN AS BREEDING AREA FOR CERTAIN MIGRATORY SPECIES, E.G. GREY WHALES).

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4. FAMILY OF SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY CER ANTES
DEL RIO REPORTEDLY HAS MADE LARGE PURCHASES OF LAND
IN AREA OF FIND AND STANDS TO GAIN FROM ANY DEVELOPMENT.
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